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## History of Parcel 15

by Al Skolnik

Parcel 15 is the term commonly applied to three tracts of land between the Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Road alongside the Capital Beltway. The largest of the tracts covering 22.42 acres, is in the northern part of parcel 15 adjacent to Greenbelt Lake. The other two tracts — 5.1 acres and 5.0 acres — are to the south. On some maps, the southernmost tract of 5.0 acres, next to Greenbelt Road and the American Legion Hall, is not shown as part of parcel 15 (see accompanying map on page 3).

However, all three tracts are now up for rezoning. The owners (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner, and associates) have petitioned for R-18 zoning (apartments, 18-20 units per acre) for the 22.42 acre and 5.1-acre tracts. For the 5.0 acre tract next to Greenbelt Road, the owners are requesting a C-1 zoning (local commercial).

A public hearing will be held on the petitions before the Prince Georges County Commissioners sitting as the District Council on Wednesday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the county courthouse in Upper Marlboro.

A history of the developments affecting parcel 15 in the past few years is presented below.

Parcel 15 first came into prominence in November 1961 when its owners at that time, H. Glenn Garvin and W. A. Martin, petitioned to rezone the 22.42-acre tract from RPC (rural-planned community) to R-10 high-rise apartments (48 units per acre). Garvin and Martin had purchased the land from Webb and Knapp the previous summer.

This petition was part of a package of 8 rezoning requests by Garvin and Martin covering 360 acres of the vacant land in Greenbelt owned by them. All these requests involved rezoning land from residential use to high-density apartments or commercial and were strenuously objected to by Greenbelt citizens who viewed the requests as a threat to the original character of Greenbelt as a low-density residential planned community.

### APB Reaction

The first city body to review the requests was the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) consisting of chairman Lew Bernstein, Elliott Bukzin, John Downs, Harvey Geller, Clifford Simonson, Eli Crupain, and Abe Simkov. In report #10, dated December 14, 1961, the APB recommended rejection of Garvin and Martin's request for parcel 15, along with their other petitions. Among the reasons given by the APB for its action were the following: (1) the requested rezoning was not in conformity with any existing plan for Greenbelt; (2) The applications represented a severe case of spot zoning, which has little place in a planned community; and (3) there was no apparent need or desire for R-10 zoning anywhere in the community, and it certainly was most objectionable adjoining Greenbelt Lake.

### Council Reaction

The city council, consisting of Mayor Francis White, David Champion, Ben Goldfaden, Thomas Canning, and William Phillips, concurred with the APB. On January 15, 1962, the council unanimously recommended denial of the 8 rezoning petitions. According to the *News Review* account of this action, the council pointed out to a jam-packed audience of 200 people that "Greenbelt at this moment had enough rental apartments." This was not long after plans had been announced for construction of an eventual 5,000 apartment units in Springhill Lake.

### Planning Board Reaction

The 8 rezoning petitions then went to the Prince Georges County Planning Board of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The professional staff of MNCPPC presented statistics showing that the proposed zoning would give the city the largest concentration of apartments in the county. The staff warned that Greenbelt could become an anthill of apartments and duplex homes, with its population rising to more than 40,000 and 94 percent of the people living in apartments.

According to the *Washington Post* of January 25, 1962, Prince Georges' chief planner, C. Warren Giaque, told the Planning Board that these applications have no relation to planning, and that the planned balance of multiple-family and single-family dwellings in Greenbelt would be impaired by such a vast apartment development.

Planning Board members also expressed doubts about transferring Greenbelt into a densely-settled community. Mrs. Russell Wilbank, a board member, was quoted in the *Washington Post* story as follows: "I don't think the people of Greenbelt would feel that such a large number of apartment residents would fit into what they consider a well-integrated community."

The technical staff pointed out that such a concentration of apartments, combined with present zoning, would equal a combination of two Chillum Heights, two Glass Manors, two Langley Parks, two Queenstowns, two Kaywood Gardens, two District Heights, two Suitland Manors, two University Cities, and one Kent Village.

The staff said a population of that density would create two and a third times as much automobile traffic as generated by present residents on already-zoned land. The traffic would clog present and proposed local streets, it added.

On February 7, 1962, the Prince Georges County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the Garvin and Martin rezoning proposals, including the R-10 zoning for parcel 15. According to the *Washington Post* of the next day, Board

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## "DIRTY LAUNDRY" QUERY RAISED; CITY'S ENTRANCE SIGNS DEPLORED

by Mary Smith

The meeting of city council on Monday, March 6, covered a variety of subjects; items discussed included pending state legislation, the inadequacy of signs at the entrances to the city, and Advisory Planning Board Chairman Ed Wuermser's statement at the conclusion of the special public meeting in the Center School on January 30.

Discussion on the ordinance regulating parades was tabled for study of a memorandum, prepared by assistant city solicitor Mel Powell, which suggests several possible changes in the wording. The vote to table was 4-1; councilman Dave Champion was opposed to the tabling, saying he thought the present ordinance should be passed.

Councilman Dick Pilski introduced the subject of the Wuermser statement of January 30 in which Wuermser gave his reasons for changing his vote from "nay" to "yea" on a resolution asking Governor Agnew to reconsider his appointment of Charles Bresler as liaison representative for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Pilski noted that there has been much comment in the city about what Wuermser meant when he said "I do not feel that the city of Greenbelt is living in a cast iron house. It has much glass and there are stones to be thrown. I shall not elaborate further in a public meeting on this, because I will not have dirty wash drawn out before the public." At the conclusion of his statement, Wuermser added that he did not want to endanger the city's Master Plan.

Pilski urged, "Let the citizen come forth and explain about the dirty laundry — I have nothing to hide." Councilman Bill Hoff felt that the statement cast doubt on the Master Plan. Mayor Edgar Smith concurred with Pilski and Hoff. A motion by Hoff, asking Wuermser to appear before city council and document or explain (continued on p. 2)

## Special Meeting Notice

There will be a special meeting of the City Council on Monday, March 13, at 8 p.m. for the consideration of:

1. Resolution declaring a need for the acquisition of a portion of parcel 15 adjacent to Greenbelt Lake Park for park purposes. (2nd reading)
2. Ordinance to appropriate \$110,000 from the land acquisition fund.

To be followed by a Public Meeting on Parcel 15 Zoning

Nita Maschauer  
City Clerk

## Members Petition for Special Meeting On Resale Policy for Larger Homes

by Al Skolnik

A petition requesting that a special Greenbelt Homes, Inc. membership meeting be held to consider a new resale policy on the larger homes has been submitted to the corporation. The petition, signed by 130 GHI members, calls for the profit at resale to be determined by the consumer price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rather than by the appraised value of the house, as in the current plan.

According to the drafters of the petition, the price index would be applied to the down payment and equity acquired through the payments on mortgage principal. (Allowance would also be made for improvements).

This is in contrast to the policy adopted by the GHI board of using the total price of the home to determine appreciation. This appreciation is calculated in accordance with a formula that does not permit the homeowner to take advantage of the fact that the land is included in the purchase price at GHI's low original cost rather than the higher market value.

Under the by-laws of the corporation, the GHI board must schedule a special membership meeting within 45 days of the receipt of the petition. An exception is when an annual membership meeting will be held within 30 days of the

## Free Transportation To Parcel 15 Hearing

The Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt is furnishing free bus transportation to the Parcel 15 hearing before the Prince Georges County Commissioners at Upper Marlboro on Wednesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Harold Siegel said "This is an opportunity for all Greenbelters to support City Council in its endeavors to prevent further encroachment on the Greenbelt Master Plan."

For reservations call Maffay 474-6666 and Ross, 474-1275.

### WHAT GOES ON

- Thursday, March 9 7:45 p.m.  
G.H.I. meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
Friday, March 10, 8:30 p.m.  
Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room  
Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 12 noon - Little League Registration, Youth Center  
Monday, March 13, 8 p.m. City Council Public Meeting, Municipal Bldg.  
March 13 - 8 - 10 p.m. - Greenbelt Nursery School Registration - Fellowship Hall, Community Church  
Wednesday, March 15 1:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing on Parcel 15, County Courthouse, Upper Marlboro  
Saturday, March 18 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Special Voter Registration, Springhill Lake Community Bldg.

The warning came in the wake of a dispute over the location of the proposed Greenbelt senior high school which is now the subject of litigation. School officials have indicated that they cannot begin the planning or construction of the school until they are assured they can use the site they selected.

Greenbelt students now attend High Point High School but they only number about 15 percent of the total enrollment of 2650.

According to the Board of Education budget release, the new Kenilworth Senior High School on Good Luck Road and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is scheduled for completion during the 1967-1968 year.

### Lakeside Citizens' Poll

The board of the Lakeside Citizen's Association voted on Tuesday night to poll its membership this Sunday to determine what the association's position will be with regard to the proposed rezoning of parcel 15.

## Jury Sets \$110,000 Price on 4.5 Acres

A jury decision Tuesday, March 7, on the city's suit to condemn parcels 9 and 10 for parkland use, set the purchase price for the tract at \$110,000. Parcel 9 consists of 1.34 acres; parcel 10 is 3.12 acres. Owners of the tract are Kelly and Grossberg trustees (originally Crescent Leasing).

The Circuit Court hearing, which was held before Judge Loveless, moved between Upper Marlboro and Greenbelt. For the purpose of clarifying the issues involved, the whole jury was transported by bus to the site in question. Richard Reed an employee of Greenhorne & O'Mara Engineers, acted as spokesman for the city, showing boundary lines to the jury.

Appraisers for the city of Greenbelt at the hearing were John W. Fincham and Clifford Piercy. Fincham set an estimated value on the property of \$96,000; Piercy's figure was \$80,300. By contrast, appraisers for Kelly and Grossberg set figures of \$179,000 and \$175,800. They argued that parcel 10 should be assessed at R-18 (medium density apartments) and parcel 9 at C-2 (general commercial). The city contended that the most dense use for those parcels would be at R-30 (low density apartments).

In commenting on the size of the purchase figure, city manager James K. Giese said "It was not surprising to me. We expected the owners to value their property at the commercial rate. We expected the jury to split the difference. Actually the jury's figure was closer to ours." Giese acknowledged, however, that it would now be necessary to apply for a larger grant from the federal government to help with the purchase.

A far more important hearing, Giese noted, will be that scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at which the city's condemnation suit concerning the approximately 18 acres of parcels 11 and 12 will be heard.

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## The Domino Theory

The domino theory, whereby a stack of dominoes are lined up so that by knocking down one, the whole line collapses, is an argument used in many areas of debate.

In matters of zoning, the domino theory takes the following form. Developers seeking to have their land rezoned from a low-density to a high-density category often cite a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood, usually arising out of rezonings or introduction of new highways or construction. Once granted, the new zoning, in turn, becomes the justification for seeking rezoning of still other nearby properties.

This can go on ad infinitum, until the entire area gets high-density zoning, thus upsetting master plans and years of careful planning. It is not unheard of that the developer who pleads the "change in character" is the same individual who created the change in the first place.

This is exactly what is happening with respect to parcel 15, the land near the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Lake. The developer is seeking zoning for high-density apartments using the argument that the adjacent land (the 50-acre Charlestowne Village tract) also has high-density apartments, including high-rise apartments.

What is not mentioned is the fact that this high-density development was only accomplished by disregarding covenants that were relied upon by the city to keep density down to a level consistent with the original concept of Greenbelt as a low-density residential planned community. The fallacy of the "change in character" argument under these circumstances speaks for itself.

## CFPG Supported By City Council

A letter sent by Councilman David Champion to Governor Spiro Agnew characterizing the Citizens For a Planned Greenbelt as a "dissident" and "off-shoot" group was sharply criticized by members of the City Council at Monday night's council meeting. The council, with Champion dissenting, moved to write to the governor clarifying CFPG's role in the community.

Champion's letter, of February 20, 1966, which was read into the record by Councilman Francis White, objected to the invitation extended by White to David Fentress, the Governor's new appointee as liaison with Prince Georges and Montgomery counties, to meet with the CFPG Steering Committee. Champion stated that CFPG has no official capacity and that the topics suggested by CFPG for discussion were matters that should be discussed directly with the city's Advisory Planning Board or city council. Champion also questioned whether any new appointee has the competence to discuss these matters intelligently.

The CFPG meeting with Fentress had been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25, but was called off at the request of Fentress. Champion read a letter he received from Fentress which stated the latter's intention to deal only with the duly elected officials or their designated representatives in all areas affecting his duties, except "when local channels of communication for city and officials cannot perform the necessary functions."

Members of council disagreed with Champion's characterization of CFPG. Mayor Edgar Smith said that CFPG has performed a valuable role in the community. In order that there should be no misunderstanding on the part of the governor, Smith said, a letter should be sent emphasizing CFPG's functions and broad representation of its membership in all sections of town.

Reiterating this view was White who pointed out that the CFPG Steering Committee had on it two councilmen, members of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors, and representatives from the many civic associations within the community.

Ed Ross from the audience referred to CFPG's constant sup-

port of the majority of council in matters of zoning and future development. "In these matters," said Ross, "Champion has been the lone dissenter, not CFPG," referring to the great number of 4 to 1 votes.

Councilman Dick Pilski however, thought that the manner in which the invitation had been extended to Fentress was disturbing since it left the impression that Council was not performing its duties. Council, said Pilski, should have invited Fentress and then invited the various groups to attend, rather than vice versa. Council also thought that some of the topics suggested for discussion with Fentress were more properly the responsibility of the city council and APB. Councilman Bill Hoff, however, felt that a citizens' group is entitled to use any fact-finding method that it has open to it.

The council expressed hope that it could meet with Fentress in the near future to discuss his new role.

## Notice Of Special Springhill Lake Voter Registration For City Elections Only

On Saturday March 18, 1967 there will be a Special Voter Registration for City Elections at the Springhill Lake Community Building between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In order to be eligible to register to vote in the City Election for Mayor and Council, you must be a U. S. Citizen, 21 years of age or over, and a resident of the City of Greenbelt and State of Maryland for a period of six months prior to the election date of Sept. 19, 1967. This registration is for the City elections only. Registration for County, State and Federal elections must be made with the Board of Election Supervisors of Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Please note that you may also register with the City Clerk at the City Municipal Building, 25 Crescent, Monday through Friday during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional special voter registrations will be held at the Municipal Building evenings and Saturdays prior to the close of the election registration, Aug. 21, 1967 and these dates will be published when established.

Nita P. Maschauer  
City Clerk

### Letter-Writing Urged

To the Editor:

Our future is now in the hands of the County Commissioners.

If they stand with the city and people of Greenbelt at the March 15 zoning hearings on parcel 15, we shall continue to grow and develop as a planned, self-governing, low-density, residential community.

Otherwise, an experiment known world-wide and throughout the nation may have ended.

Not only is it vital for Greenbelters to attend the hearing, but they should make their objections to the rezoning petitions known to their commissioners. Letters should be sent to

Mrs. Gladys N. Spellman  
Chairman, County Commissioners  
County Court House  
Upper Marlboro, Md.

Leo Gerton  
Martin Anderson

### Thanks

I would like to thank all the members who attended the Greenbelt Homes Orientation on Tuesday, February 21. It was a wonderful turn out. It was heartening to see so many members attend; it makes all the time and effort required to organize such a meeting worthwhile. Those of you who attended have shown you are truly interested in our Corporation. I hope you will continue to come to these meetings when we have them scheduled, and also attend the GHI Board meetings. In this way you will be kept abreast of what is taking place.

Josephine Seay, Chairman  
Member Relations Committee  
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

### "Books For Viet-Nam"

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Jaycees received the following letter from Vietnam: "Thank you very much for the books. It might interest you to know that they were distributed to the men participating in "Operation Big Springs."

"You may or may not hear from some of the men themselves. Certainly hope that you do. Understand however that they don't have a lot of free time and, although they have good intentions, time doesn't permit them to write."

On behalf of the men thank you again."

William H. Revoyr,  
Director, DiAn USO

### Thanks

To the Editor:

The Jaycees were overwhelmed by the response of Greenbelt citizens to our book drive. Our thanks to everyone whose books reached DiAn or the six other USO clubs.

Harold A. Siegel  
President, Greenbelt Jaycees

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what he meant by his statement of washing dirty linen, was passed 4-1, councilman Champion dissenting.

### City Signs

Council discussed the inadequacy of signs at the entrances to the city; they are small and hard to find, and no distinction is made between "old" and "new" Greenbelt. Visitors to the city on leaving the Capital Beltway at the exit ramps don't know which way to turn to get to the Center, or to the Beltway Plaza. The problem involves the State Roads Commission, since they erect the signs at the Beltway exit ramps.

City Manager James Giese said that the city was working on the problem of signs in general; city limit signs were being prepared, as were extra large signs for street names at the intersections with state roads. The city is also preparing a simplified street map of Greenbelt, which will be ready by the end of the month. Giese was directed to get in touch once more with the State Roads Commission on this matter.

### State Legislation

Among many pending bills now being studied by the Maryland Assembly, Senate Bill #523 particularly affects Greenbelt. Introduced by State Senator Conroy, it calls for the construction of a perimeter road in Greenbelt (and other roads) to be placed in the 20-year program of the county. Council hoped to see the bill passed and further hoped that the perimeter road would be moved up into the 4-year plans.

### New Post Office

City Manager Giese reported that appraisals have been received for the sale of land by the city for the new Post Office. The options have to be signed by March 15. At the conclusion of Monday's council meeting, council adjourned to executive session to vote on these appraisals.

### Miscellaneous

Passed for first reading were two resolutions, one for the acquisition of two acres of Parcel 15 for use as a park, and one for establishing new admission fees for the swimming pool.

A report from the Recreation Advisory Board about a request from the SCH Corporation for using the lake for boat rental was accepted and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

On the Muirkirk landfill propo-

sal, council is waiting to hear from the Woman's Club and the League of Women Voters.

The city manager was asked to check on whether or not the vehicles now being parked on Parcel 7 are on city property or on city rights-of-way.

Council planned to meet on Wednesday, March 8, to vote on appointments to boards and to study the ordinance on parades.

## Automobile Tags On Sale Locally

Prince Georges County motorists may buy their 1967-68 license tags this week at various locations in the area, on an over-the-counter basis, eliminating the mailing of applications through the State office.

Applications which are mailed to car owners from the Department of Motor Vehicles must be brought in at the time of purchase. In addition, if the vehicle is covered by the minimum insurance as required by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Laws, the certificate of liability insurance on the reverse of the application must be completed in full before a license plate can be issued.

Those motorists who are not covered by insurance must pay an additional fee.

Tags will be sold at the City Office, March 29, 2 to 8 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Mr. Clarence Shaw,

Minister of Music

"Church Open For Prayer,  
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m."  
Friday 4:00 p.m. - Fellowship  
"78". Ninth grade Confirmation class with Rev. Larry Brantley.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Church School  
grades 5 through adults  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
Rev. Kenneth Hilfiker, guest minister.

Church School Kindergarten  
through Junior grade 4. Child care in 2-B Hillside

11:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour Fellowship.  
5:30 p.m. - Lenten Study Discussion Group at Berwyn Presbyterian Church.

5:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees' meeting. All Board Chairmen asked to attend for budget meeting. Social Hall.

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

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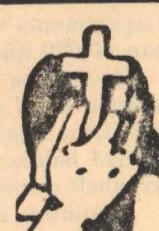
Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200

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**PARCEL 15 (continued)**

Chairman Herbert W. Wells said, "It would be an injustice to a great many people to allow a concentration in Greenbelt like that." He and other members concluded that new highways have not changed the character of that 25-year-old community (Greenbelt) sufficiently to merit big developments.

**Commission Reaction**

The climax came at the public hearing before the Prince Georges county commissioners on February 21, 1962. In a marathon hearing that lasted from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., the county commissioners denied all 8 zoning petitions. For parcel 15, the commissioners denied the R-10 zoning and approved R-55 zoning, requiring individual homes on 6,500-foot lots. The R-55 zoning was in accordance with the zoning plan adopted by MNCPPC in June 1957 for the Greenbelt area. All the motions to deny the zoning petitions were made by Commissioner Frank Lastner of Greenbelt.

The *News Review* of February 22, 1962 carried the following account: "Three witnesses, all real estate brokers, testified on behalf of Garvin and Martin that the parcels under discussion were ideal for apartments because the crossing of the city by the Capital Beltway would make Greenbelt the hub of four major 4-lane arteries. When one witness said he visualized the Greenbelt of the future as the finest multi-million "towers" development in the county, a murmur of dismay swept through the partisan audience composed largely of about 50 Greenbelt residents . . .

"Warren Giaque, representing the Park and Planning Commission, which had recommended against all the zoning petitions, based his case on the argument that overall planning should take precedent over zoning of individual property. He said that if they wish, 'the citizens can change the original concept of Greenbelt, but they should not do it on a piecemeal basis.'

**New Owner**

Parcel 15 next came into the news in May 1962 when Charles Bresler, together with two partners, Ted N. Lerner and Isadore Gudelsky, concluded arrangements for purchasing the parcel from Garvin and Martin.

For the next year, parcel 11 was quiescent. On May 14, 1963, the owners filed rezoning petitions for R-30 apartment zoning (10-12 units per acre) for the 22.42 and 5.1 acre-tracts, and C-1 zoning for the 5.0 acres next to the American Legion. The owners, however, did not press for action at that time.

**High School Site**

In March 1964 the county school board reported that it was considering the southernmost part of parcel 15 for an elementary school, and the Area 13 North plan for the College Park-Greenbelt area released in April 1964 showed such a school on the land next to the American Legion.

In the fall of 1964, through a series of discussions between the city council and the county board of education aimed at seeking alternate sites to the proposed senior high school location on Northwest extended near the sanitary landfill, it was agreed that parcel 15 would be a preferable site for such a high school. In December 1964, the school board instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire parcel 15, and both Greenbelt's own Master Plan adopted in March 1965 and the revised MNCPPC Area 13 plan of February 1965 showed the senior high school on parcel 15.

Throughout the first half of 1965, attempts by the school board staff to reach an agreement with Bresler (who represented Consolidated Syndicates, Inc., the owners) regarding the acquisition of the land proved unsuccessful. Finally, in July 1965, the city council was told that Bresler would agree to sell parcel 15 to the school board at a mutually-agreed upon price, provided the city council offered no opposition to higher-density zoning for parcels 1 and 2 — land also owned by Bresler and associates.

In October 1965, the city council turned down this proposal. Bresler offered to the school board 60 acres of land on parcel 2 near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for a 3-school complex, including an elementary school (which had been scheduled for the parcel 15 site).

The city council, local PTA's, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt vigorously objected to this site for a senior high school because of its expected adverse impact on local traffic conditions and its disruptive effects on the Master Plans for this area. Instead, they reiterated support for the parcel 15 site because of its advantages in terms of traffic accessibility, pedestrian safety, central location and scenic location.

On March 24, 1966, the school board made a final decision to purchase 60 acres on parcel 2 for a 3-school complex. The condemnation suit for parcel 15, which had been scheduled for April 7, 1966, was dismissed.

**Rezoning Hearings**

In August 1966, the city was notified that the rezoning petitions of Consolidated Syndicates for parcel 15 would be heard by the Prince Georges County Planning Board. Unknown to the city, the applications had been amended in December 1965 by the developer who was now requesting R-18 zoning instead of R-30 zoning for 27.52 acres. (The C-1 request for the remaining 5 acres was unchanged.)

On September 10, 1966, the city council recommended single-family homes extending from the Greenbelt Lake area to Prince James Way and R-30 for the land south of Prince James Way. These were essentially the same recommendations made by the APB in Report, #67. The thinking of both the APB and the council, was to provide a gradual change in residential zoning from Greenbelt Lake to Greenbelt Rd. with the least dense development in the area nearest the Lake. The commercial rezoning was rejected because of fear that it would lead to strip-type commercial zoning on Greenbelt Road.

On September 14, 1966, a hearing on these zoning petitions was held before the Prince Georges County Planning Board. The Technical Staff of MNCPPC recommended R-30 for the entire tract. Speaking on behalf of the petitions submitted by Consolidated Syndicates was Bresler. According to the *News Review* of September 22, 1966, Bresler pointed out that the adjacent land (Charlestowne Village) was zoned R-18 and included an 8-story apartment. He also noted that the adjacent American Legion Hall was used for commercial purposes and remained open at late hours.

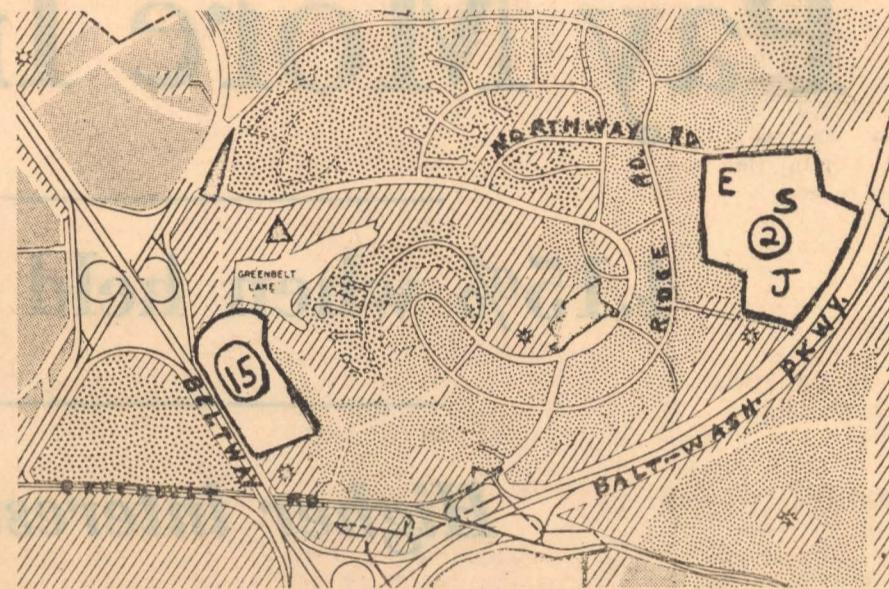
Bresler indicated that a motel would be constructed on the 5-acre tract next to the Legion. He said that a need existed because of the proximity of the Greenbelt Regional Park across the street.

City manager James Giese, appearing for the city, stated that "rezoning the property in accord with the city's recommendations would be an opportunity to reduce the density of development in Greenbelt in accordance with the wishes of the County Commissioners when the plan for Area 13 N was rejected."

He continued, "Originally, when the city supported multifamily development in the vicinity of Lakecrest Drive, it was with the explicit written commitments of the property owner that the property would be developed at the very low density of 7 units per acre, which is comparable to the original planned development in the city. The developer failed to honor these commitments. Consequently," Giese concluded, "this area is being developed at far higher densities than originally planned, and the single-family zoning recommended by the city would be an excellent way of preventing the overextensive concentration of apartments in this area which would occur if the petitioners' requests are granted."

At the conclusion of the hearing the County Planning Board recommended approval of the developer's petitions, to the District Council. In taking this action, the Board suggested that the land between the water main and Greenbelt Lake be considered for "required green space" when the preliminary plans and record plats are approved.

The curtain will rise on the next act on Wednesday, March 15, when the county commissioners hold a public hearing at Upper Marlboro.

**NYC Easter Tour**

The Greenbelt Travel Club has made a cooperative arrangement at an attractive price for ten seats on a New York City shopping tour this Saturday and Sunday March 11th & 12th. This trip is like the Christmas shopping tour except that the seats are not reserved and the price is less than the usual Travel Club price. As usual the bus will pick up in Greenbelt and discharge passengers near their courts in Greenbelt on the return trip. For further details see the advertisement. More information and registration at Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association.

The Travel Club is making tentative arrangements for an EXPO '67 (Montreal World's Fair Tour over the Memorial Day weekend (May 27-30th). Leave your name at Twin Pines (GR 4-6900) if you would be interested in further information on the Montreal Tour.

**Library Exhibiting Dolls**

The Greenbelt Library is featuring an exhibit of nineteenth century costume dolls. Dressed in materials that closely approximate the fabric, trim and styles of the decades 1800-1900, the dolls will be on exhibit through March 15.

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**REGISTRATION FOR NURSERY SCHOOL**  
Registration for the 1967-68 school year will be held on Monday, March 13, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the school (in Fellowship Hall behind the Community Church, Crescent and Hillside Rds., Greenbelt). A committee will be on hand to answer questions.

Two morning and two afternoon classes will be held; total enrollment is limited to 62. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by midsummer. An application fee of \$5.00 (no refund) must accompany application form. The present tuition (1966-67) is \$20. per month; the tuition for 1967-68 will be decided in early summer. The school is non-profit.

**NOTICE TO ALUMNI PARENTS** who may be planning to enroll a child for next year: Despite rapid population growth in the area, we will try to continue to give first consideration to old members. Please plan to register now. Alumni who are still undecided but want places held for their children are urged to notify the membership committee.

**FOR TELEPHONE INFORMATION:** Alumni call 474-4258  
New Applicants, A-D, call 345-2327 New Applicants, L-R, call 345-8975  
New Applicants E-K, call 552-1620 New Applicants, S-Z, call 345-7531

**Proposed Exit to Relieve Springhill Lake Congestion**

To further relieve the traffic congestion created at Springhill Lake during rush hours, plans are going forward for the construction of a road, from the west end of the community which will exit near the A & P store at Beltway Plaza. The road, which will start at Cherrywood Lane, is a temporary road, pending further development of the Beltway Plaza property.

The road was the result of negotiations between the owners of Springhill Lake Apartments and First National Realty, developer of Beltway Plaza. Springhill Lake is bearing all expenses and will move 50,000 cubic yards of dirt from the road site and transfer it to an area which will serve as a golf course for the apartments.

Clearing is now also underway on section 9 in Springhill Lake. Only section 8 now remains to be developed. This lies closest to the Junior High School, at the intersection of Edmonston Rd. and Breezewood.

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**Maryland University Speakers Service**

Brochures describing the University of Maryland Speakers Bureau services are available on request from the Speakers Bureau, Rm. 17, N. Administration Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park. Requests for speakers should be made at least two weeks in advance.

**Changes in Mail Box**

Postmaster Emory A. Harman announced the following collection box location changes and additions, effective immediately. The improvements will include:

- (1) New Snorkel collection box for drivers, located on the left side of Centerway — opposite the bank.
- (2) New box in front of the Post Office.
- (3) Removal of the small collection box in front of the Pizza Shop in the Center.

**Greenbelt Nursery School Plans Registration Night**

The Greenbelt Nursery School will hold a Registration Night on Monday, March 13, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the school (in Fellowship Hall behind the Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Rds.).

All parents, including alumni parents who have not yet registered, who may wish to enroll a child in the nursery school for the 1967-68 year, should plan to attend. The director of the school, Mrs. Betty Seidman, and a committee of members will be present to talk to parents.

The school, which is now in its 25th year, is a non-profit cooperative, fully accredited by the state of Maryland. Four classes will be held next year, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

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# C-P Votes to Keep Airport

by David Stern

On January 24 the city council of College Park voted against the closing of the city's airport, but in spite of this, the airport's continued existence remains a matter of touch-and-go. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is not in favor of it, and has stated in its controversial draft of the Area 13 Master Plan that the airfield has outlived its usefulness. Neither are many of the area's residents, who testified at a public hearing on Nov. 30 that they regarded the airport primarily as a noisy neighbor.

There is one thing that the College Park Airport has going in its favor, and this is its history. For this used to be the first and only airport in the country - indeed, in the entire world. Founded in 1907 by Fred Cox of Washington who experimented there with man-carrying kites, College Park became two years later the base of Rexford Smith, a county resident whose flying machine actually circled the field at the then-respectable altitude of 100 feet.

## Wilbur Wright in College Park

In the same year, the Roosevelt administration started what was to grow into the U.S. Air Force with the purchase of an airplane for the Army's Signal Corps. College Park was chosen as its base, and on August 2, 1909, the "Washington Star" could report: "The Nation's first air area will be established at College Park, Maryland, by the War Department. It will be the training ground for officials who will manage the heavier-than-air machines purchased from the Wright Brothers, and Wilbur Wright will be the instructor." Wilbur's instructions were practical and to the point: "When in trouble, look for an open space, put her nose down and stick to the ship."

The flying school later moved to Georgia, and in 1913, the Signal Corps allowed its lease to expire, but flying activity continued. From 1918 to 1921, the field served as the Washington terminal of the first regular airmail service, with flights to Philadelphia and New York. And in the years following 1920, Emile and Henry Berliner conducted their experiments with an early version of the helicopter.

## The City's Stand

Though it has endorsed keeping the airport open, the city council of College Park kept certain reservations. It favored limiting the field's use to light airplanes and voiced its opposition to the lengthening of the runway - a feature of a proposed development plan which also included a museum and library, submitted to MNCPPC last December by Kenneth Beatty. And in spite of the precedent set by Wilbur Wright, the council was opposed to flight instruction of cadets at the airport.

The city also stated that it was not in a position to lend the airport its financial support. The field is privately owned by Anna-

olis builder Jerome S. Murray. Incidentally, Greenbelt used to have an airport of its own-Schrom Field, located south of Glenn Dale Rd. near the site of the newly-constructed "Goddard Space Village" apartments, just outside the city limits. Schrom airport closed in 1954, due to the construction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

On Tuesday, February 14, the city council of College Park announced the formation of a Committee for Preservation of the College Park Airport. Heading the committee is Mayor William W. Gullett, and its membership includes three more members of the city council. The first contribution to the committee, \$20 from the Lakeland Civic Association, was made the same evening on which it was established.

## Play School Applications

The Senior Home Economics students of High Point High will hold a Play School beginning April 10 and ending June 8. Play School will meet four days a week with two sessions, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 1:45 to 3:20 p.m. Children aged 2 through 5 are eligible. Acceptance is based on sex, age, and the order in which applications are received.

Application forms are made available in the school office on March 13 and must be returned by March 29 to the school office. Notification of acceptance will be sent to parents by April 3.

Parents must provide transportation for their children to High Point High School, Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville. A small fee will be charged for refreshments.

## Lutheran Nursery School

Applications for next year's Nursery Class are now being received by Holy Cross Lutheran Church. For information and application forms, call 474-4477 or 474-9200.

## Little League Chatter

by Jerry W. Shafer

The 1967 Greenbelt Little League program is now in progress, and coaches and helpers are needed. If you are interested, please write to the Greenbelt Little League, Box 174, Greenbelt, Md., or call Commissioner Eugene "Gene" Kelaher, 474-4034.

Attention — all boys between the ages of 8 to 12. Saturday, March 11, will be the last day you can sign up for Little League and make the draft. So hurry on down to the Youth Center between 10 and 12 Saturday and sign up. You can save some time by bringing one parent and your birth certificate with you. Boys from Springhill Lake can sign up at the Youth Center or at the Community Center in Springhill Lake. Let's make this a bigger and better year than last year.

The Little League Spring dance is scheduled for Friday, March 17, at the American Legion Hall. Contact any manager for tickets.

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## Lions To Hear Bob Ward

"Bob" Ward, two time, all-American guard and new head coach at the University of Maryland, will be the guest speaker at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Lions Club on Monday, March 13, at the Greenbelt American Legion Home. "Bob" will discuss the projects for this year's football team. The public is invited at 7:15 p.m.

"Bob" is a former resident of Greenbelt, having lived at 9-M Laurel Hill in the early 1950's and also some 4 years later (1954) on Southway.

## What Song the Siren Sang

To the Editor:

I have read letters in the news from women complaining about the fire siren waking up their children and wanted to write a letter.

When I hear a siren I immediately think someone is in trouble and I say a silent prayer that it won't be too bad. And then I thank God it isn't me and pray it's none of my friends.

If these people who complain had a fire or an accident I am willing to bet that the sweetest music they could hear would be that siren coming closer.

I once had an old lady friend. She used to complain of the noise. Then one night she had a heart attack and she said the siren screamed from Riverdale to P.G. Hospital. I asked her if it annoyed her. She said she was never so glad to hear anything.

The siren serves two purposes in my opinion: one is to get those gallant men out of those warm beds; the other is to alert anyone on the streets to get out of the way.

I say don't cut down the noise — louder Louder and LOUDER. And sorry about that - complainers!

Margo Barnes

## RECREATION NEWS

by Darald G. Lofgren  
Director of Recreation

### Teen Club Chatter

The Fifth Edition will provide an evening of dancing this Saturday night, 8 - 11 p.m. Teen Club members will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of their card at the door. Any member not having a card will pay the regular admission price for non-members.

On March 18, we will bring a new band to the Greenbelt area. The Webb... The McConky Brothers, accompanied by the Mystic Knights, will return to the Youth Center on March 25 for our Annual Easter Dance.

### Men's Slow Pitch Softball

A meeting is scheduled Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Youth Center to organize the Men's Slow Pitch Softball League for 1967. All persons interested in competing in this league are asked to attend. A representative from the Greater Washington Softball Umpires Association will be present for a Rules Clinic and a discussion on officiating.

### Band Concert

Make plans to attend the City Concert Band presentation on Monday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Center School auditorium.

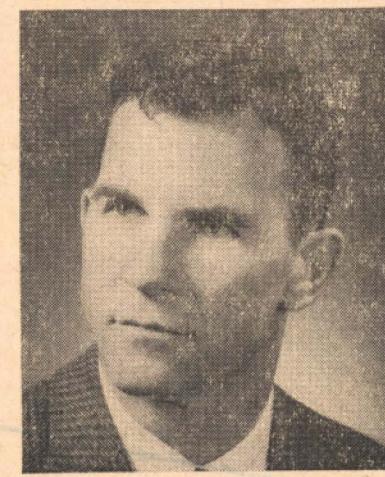
### Basketball

Men's City League March 13, Monday evening games are as follows: 7:30 p.m. Eagles vs Falcons, Court A and Celtics vs Hawks on Court B. At 8:30 p.m., Devils vs Giants, Court A and Bullets vs Atoms, Court B. Monday, March 20th, the Elimination Tournament begins to determine the League Championship.

Team standings, at present, are as follows: Falcons 5-0; Devils 5-0; Bullets 3-2; Celtics 2-3; Eagles 2-3; Hawks 1-3; Giants 0-3; Atoms 0-4.

### County Unlimited Men's League Teams

The Greenbelt team has gained sole possession of first place in this league. Two members of the team, Jerry Wren and Sam Howie, have first and second highest scoring averages respectively. More players are still needed for depth. Call 474-6878, if you are interested.



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**Our Neighbors**

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Lil Gerstel, 14-Z Ridge, is a proud grandmother again. Son, Marshall and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Lisa Robin, who was born on March 1 weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. The Gerstels live in Essex Junction, Vermont where Marshall works with IBM.

Birthday greetings to June Davis, 9 Pinecrest, who was ten years old on March 2.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, 56-A Crescent. Laura Ruth made her debut on February 27 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

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**GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW****FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR MARCH**

Joseph G. Wenrich,  
Fire Marshal

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Fire prevention starts with good family habits about fire hazards. It includes care with matches and smoking, keeping heating and cooking equipment in good order, proper use of electrical fuses, appliances and extension cords, and frequent clean-ups.

High on the list of family safety measures is a carefully prepared and rehearsed escape plan for fire emergencies. Alternate routes to safety from every room, particularly every bedroom, are of prime importance in the plan, to provide for halls and stairways that may be blocked by fire.

Another safety measure is to have a rope ladder in one of the bedrooms that could be anchored to the bed or window sill and dropped out of the window. These can be used in any home and are of great importance to families living from four to six miles from the nearest fire station. However, remember the intense heat or density of smoke can accumulate very fast and if the fire is not detected right away you could be living very close to a fire station and still have only moments to get your family out of an upper story before they are overcome. Experts recommend a 15 foot ladder for use from a second floor and 24 foot from a third floor level. The cost of a rope ladder is \$1.40 a foot and information regarding an Atlas Safety Ladder may be obtained by calling WE 5-2880.

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**WE NEED YOUR****HELP!****SUBJECT:****shopping carts**

To help our customers with their shopping in the Greenbelt Consumers Supermarket, new shopping carts have been ordered. Our members and customers will enjoy the ease and convenience of these new carts. However, in order to keep them in good condition we will have to use a cart control system. The carts will not be allowed off the store property. When you realize that a shopping cart costs approximately \$35.00, it is an expensive item to lose or have damaged by the weather and other elements. We will make available for our members and customers a two wheel shopping cart at our cost of \$5.49 which may be purchased to transport their shopping home. An attendant will be on duty at the pick-up station to load your carts during the hours of business. We hope you will enjoy this new service.

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**City Notes**

All efforts of the Public Works Dept. last week were devoted to fixing and painting up neighborhood playgrounds all over the city. Equipment at each playground received a white primer coat of paint, and two playgrounds — 73 Ridge and the end of Laurel Hill — received final coats in a bright orange color. In addition work crews cleaned up debris and leaves and in some areas spread sawdust under equipment which lacked an asphalt base. Grass at Braden Field received a treatment with fertilizer. The city crew also made several repairs at the Youth Center.

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A contractor for the WSSC has now completed repairs to the water main in the commercial center, eliminating the leak that has been falling on the heating pipes and sending up billows of steam. The plumbing contractor hired by the owner of the commercial buildings has not yet completed repairs to the heating plant itself.

All members of city council and several members of the Advisory

Planning Board, together with Malcolm Dill, city planner, and city manager James K. Giese, attended a meeting recently with members of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at their new Kenilworth Ave. offices. At the meeting city officials were briefed on the current status of the Master Plan as it affects Greenbelt. Major areas of concern were the location of the perimeter road through the proposed school tract (three alternate routes being considered), land use of parcel 1, and zoning in the area of the intersection of Kenilworth and Crescent (parcel 8 and the balance of parcel 7). City officials were asked to review the recommended changes and to present their comments to the commission in the near future.

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The Public Works Dept. has been at work recently on a drainage problem between Lakewood and Woodland Hills subdivisions. They built a concrete drainage ditch, put in a tile drain under the pedestrian walkway along Crescent, and added more bluestone gravel in a section where surface run-off from the street ran across the path. They also repaired chuck-holes on Ridge Rd., replaced more

damaged signs (in addition to those replaced during the previous week), and sanded streets after a surprise snowfall Friday morning.

The breakdown of one of the refuse collection trucks delayed trash pickups on Saturday, Feb. 18, forcing postponement of collections on much of that route until Monday. This in turn caused postponement of some pickups on the Monday route until Tuesday morning. With Wednesday a holiday, trash collections were not back on schedule until Friday.

The survey of Southway Rd. being conducted by Greenhorne and O'Mara, Engineers, preparatory to future widening and improvement of that street, is now virtually complete. A similar survey of Edmonston Rd. in Springhill Lake has, however, been delayed pending completion of a new round of negotiations with the State Roads Commission concerning improvement of the intersection with Greenbelt Rd.

**Greenbelt Grab-bag . . .**

. . . by Punchin' Judy . . .

"I understand that you are one of the students who received financial assistance in your travels."

"That's right."

"Do you mind if I ask you some questions?"

"Go right ahead."

"When you went on a trip, were you asked to keep your eyes open so you could report on everything you saw?"

"I certainly was."

"Did you photograph any military installations?"

"Yes, I got some very good pictures of a place where ammunition was stored."

"What other important locations did you visit?"

"Well, I inspected the homes of several government officials."

"Was it difficult to get into these

places?"

"It took quite a while, but I made it."

"Which of your inspections impressed you most?"

"I would say that it was a prison that I visited."

"That's very interesting. How were conditions there?"

"Horrible! Those poor prisoners must have suffered terribly."

"How dreadful. And did you write a report on all this?"

"Of course, that was something all the students had to do. I wrote a complete report telling of everything I had seen and how it impressed me."

"And you say that the CIA paid for part of your trip?"

"CIA? I thought you said PTA! They're the ones that held the bake sale so my fourth grade class could go to Williamsburg."

**Golden Agers News**

by Allen D. Morrison

Mesdames Cohen and Clute with their forty-member Girl Scout troop entertained the Golden Age Club at the Washington Birthday meeting. They rendered an hour-long program of singing, reading, piano and guitar selections, flag dedication, and skits. Each performer had her part committed to memory. These two leaders are to be commended for their fine training of these young ladies. Each Girl Scout handled her part with ease — either as a performer or by serving refreshments. This was a treat to be long remembered.

Several new member applications were accepted. Unlike one club in the county, which has refused more applicants because of space limitations, the Greenbelt club is still accepting new members until further notice. Fifty-eight members were present at the last meeting.

The present club treasurer, E. Joseph Long, has resigned because he is moving to Hyattsville. Frank N. Mitchell, 26-B Crescent, has been appointed to serve the remainder of the term.

**JCC Square Dance**

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Square Dance on Saturday, March 11, at 8:30 p.m. Nick Petrone will be the caller. Refreshments will be served.

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